

# Welcome to 23rd Annual WCA First Conference

## **Pre-Conference Information**

(Very Important - Please Print This Out!)

The details below contain very important last-minute information which you should print out and use as a checklist and reference for the conference.

#### NAME BADGES & SECURITY

# NAME BADGES <u>MUST</u> BE WORN AT ALL TIMES! NO BADGE – NO ACCESS!!

(WCAworld takes this policy very seriously and you will NOT be given access to the function venues if you do not have a name badge)

- Name badges apply to <u>ALL functions</u> including the One-on-One Meetings, Cocktail Receptions (at and outside Conrad), and the Gala Dinner.
- Name badges are given to delegates during the Onsite Registration only.



#### **CONFERENCE ID**

In order to facilitate quicker onsite registrations for everyone, please print out your Conference ID and present it to us when you do your onsite registration. It will help all members to avoid long queues. Special queues will be set up for members who have printed out their Conference ID, so that they do not need to queue up with members who don't. Using the WCAworld Event App, members can also show their conference ID in QR format to WCAworld staff during the registration.

#### How to print out your Conference ID:

- 1. Go to the conference website: <a href="https://conferences.wcaworld.com/wcafirst2024/info/">https://conferences.wcaworld.com/wcafirst2024/info/</a>
- 2. Move your mouse cursor towards the lower-left hand side of the webpage banner to where it says DOWNLOAD &
- 3. Click on Print Your Conference ID
- 4. Enter your One-on-One username and password
- 5. Click Print
- 6. Present to WCAworld staff at the Registration Counter when you do your onsite registration.

Your conference details

Important: In order to allow us to better prepare so that delegates can reister as comfortably and efficiantly as possible. WCA have strongly requested that all delegates would print below details and give us at the register desk. We thank you in advance for your corporation.

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#### **Conference ID using QR Code:**

- 1. Download the WCAworld Events App from the Play Store or App Store depending on your mobile device.
- 2. Open the WCAworld Events App and click on "Join" for WCA First 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference.
- 3. Log in with your One-on-One Username and Password.
- 4. Click on "My QR Code".



#### ONSITE REGISTRATION

Everyone must do an onsite registration to pick up their conference bags, badge, and other materials. Onsite registration can be done during these times and places:

Date	Time	Venue
Friday, 23 February 2024	14:00 – 20:00	
Saturday, 24 February 2024	09:00 – 21:00	Meeting Room 1 (Level 2)
Sunday, 25 February 2024	09:00 – 22:00	
Monday, 26 February 2024	09:00 – 17:00	

We recommend that you do this upon arrival to avoid the rush that happens just before the welcome cocktail reception starts. To speed up the process, please don't forget to print out and bring your Conference ID (as mentioned above)

#### **AIRPORT TRANSFERS**

Airport transfers are NOT provided by WCAworld and are NOT included in your conference fees.

If you would like to book an airport transfer, we recommend Orient Tours, please click this link for more information

https://conferences.wcaworld.com/wcafirst2024/info/airport\_transfers.php#otherinfo

Taxi fare from Dubai Airport to Dubai World Trade Center varies between \$40-50. Depending on the number of luggage and people, the taxi driver may request an extra fee. Transportation time by taxi is around 20 minutes.

Dubai RTA operates a vehicle from Airport Terminal 3 Metro Station 2 to World Trade Centre Metro Station 2 every 10 minutes. Tickets cost AED 7 - 10, and the journey takes 20 minutes. Alternatively, you can take the Red Line of the Dubai Metro from the airport to the World Trade Center Metro Station.

#### **GETTING AROUND DUBAI**

A range of Dubai taxi services are available from the RTA and you can grab a cab from almost anywhere in the city, or order one by phone or via a ride-hailing app such as Careem or Uber.

The Metro has two convenient lines – Red and Green – that run from Dubai International Airport (DXB) and through the busiest areas of the city. It is the world's largest driverless

train system, offering comfortable seating and affordable prices, and is fully air-conditioned. Discover more with our guide to Dubai Metro.

#### **WEATHER**

The average high temperature in Dubai during February is 24°C. Take warmer clothing for the evenings though as temperatures averagely drop to 14°C. At 21°C, the sea's at its coolest annual temperature, while humidity's low and ranges from 40-90%. Average rainfall's 34mm across four days with rain.

#### **CONFERENCE AGENDA**

Please visit to view the full agenda. https://conferences.wcaworld.com/wcafirst2024/info/

#### ONE-ON-ONE MEETING SCHEDULER

<u>Note</u> that your One-on-One Meeting Schedule is also updated daily to the WCAworld Events App. You do not need to pick up a meeting schedule from the registration counter daily.

If you still prefer to have a paper version, then you can pick up the most updated One-On-One Schedule from the Registration Counter each morning before the meetings start. The One-on-One meeting scheduler will close for the first time on <u>Sunday, 25th February 2024 at 21:00 hrs</u> (Dubai time).

Sample One-on-One Schedule

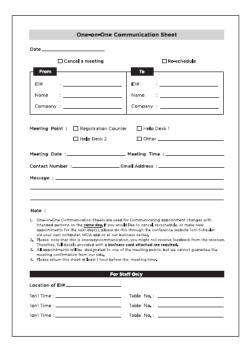


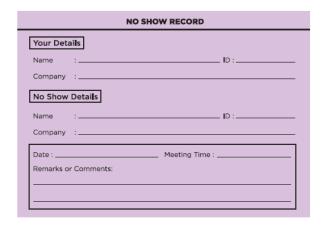
#### ONE-ON-ONE MEETING SCHEDULER

The following two forms will be available at the Registration Counter and Help Desk during the conference.

One-on-One Communication Sheet: Used for sending messages to others during the One-on-One Meetings. If you need to contact someone to cancel, postpone, or set up a meeting with someone urgently then you can fill in one of these forms and WCAworld staff will deliver them for you.

No Show Record: Please fill in this form if a member does not show up for a prescheduled meeting appointment. Members who continuously miss their meeting appointments will be sent warnings from WCAworld management.





#### WCA EVENTS APP

No more queuing to pick up your One-on-One Meeting Schedule! Delegates can search "WCAworld Events" in the Apps Store and Play Store or scan one of the below QR Codes to download the new version of the WCAworldwide Events App.

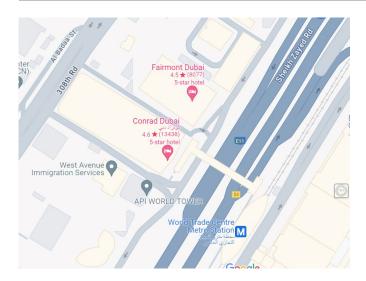


#### Features:

- Schedule One-on-One Meeting Appointments
- View your One-on-One Meetings schedule (no need to pick up paper version)
- Conduct text chats with other members at the conference venue
- View Attendee profiles
- View Conference Agenda

- View One-on-One Floor Plan
- Emergency Contacts
- Latest Announcements

#### **EVENT LOCATION**



#### Conrad Dubai

Address: Sheikh Zayed Rd - Trade Centre - Trade Centre 1 - Dubai - United Arab Emirates Phone: +97144447444

#### Gala Dinner

Dress code: Delegates are recommended to dress in smart casual or participate in the theme by wearing colorful retro clothing.

Delegates must choose the type of main course upon entry at the dinner venue by picking up ONE card only (pictured below).





The number of cards printed match the number of attendees. There is only one card per person so please be considerate towards other members and do not take more than one card!





#### INDIAN VEGETARIAN

(Do NOT pick up a card – you must seat yourself at a table designated as INDIAN VEG. Communal style dining)

#### Menu

The Beetroot

Grilled peach, Goat Cheese mousse mixed lettuce, orange vinaigrette

The Ravioli

With spinach and ricotta, sage butter and parmesan cream

#### The Veal

Slow cooked with seasonal vegetables, potato gnocchi and parmesan and spinach cream

#### Chocolate Stone & Soil

Valrhona Manjari chocolate cremeaux, Cocoa crumble, Hazelnut ice cream

#### Menu

The Beetroot

Grilled peach, Goat Cheese mousse mixed lettuce, orange vinaigrette

The Ravioli

With spinach and ricotta, sage butter and parmesan cream

#### The Cod Fish

Oven baked with asparagus, potato, mussels and light bouillabaisse sauce

#### Chocolate Stone & Soil

Valrhona Manjari chocolate cremeaux, Cocoa crumble, Hazelnut ice cream

#### Menu

#### **Basket of Poppadum**

Plain naan bread, garlic naan, roti, paratha with dips (Tomato chutney, mint chutney, coconut chutney)

#### Salads

Fruit Raita

Tangy yogurt with fruits, pomegranate, mint, chilly & coriander

#### **Dishes**

Aloo papdi chat
Tangy potato & flat crispy bread salad
Dahi wada
Dumpling of lentil deep-fried served
with yogurt sauce and Indian spices

Chatpata paneer Cheese, tomato, onion and cucumber,

papdi chaat
Kachumber salad
Fresh green salad with cucumber,
onion, chili, tomato & coriander
Tamatar aur cucumber salad
Tomato, cucumber, coriander, chili with

# lemon dressing

**Soup**Dal shorba
Lentil soup with Indian spices

#### Hot items

Paneer tikka masala
Cottage cheese in tomato gravy
Bhutta palak
Corn and mushroom cooked in a
spinach based aromatic gravy
Dal makhani
Black lentils cooked overnight with
aromatic Indian spices
Aloo jeera
Cubes of potato cooked in turmeric
water tempered with cumin and
coriander seeds
Vegetable biryani
Basmati rice cooked with vegetable,
Indian spices, kewra water, raisins and

# nuts **Dessert**

Gulab jamun
A sweet dish made of reduced milk,
curdled milk, deep-fried and soaked in
sugar syrup
Carrot halwa
Vegan & Gluten free Chocolate Truffle
Mousse
Masala chai crème brûlée
Rasamalai
Freshly sliced fruit platter

# **Sponsor Gifts**

All sponsor gifts will be handed out on stage during the Welcome Cocktail Reception (24<sup>th</sup> February 2024). WCAworld no longer hands out Sponsor Gifts during the Gala Dinner.

## WCAWORLD CONTACTS

WCAworld representatives are available 24 hrs. For urgent assistance please contact us. We will be happy to assist you.

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